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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: PDEV, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SHIPANGA TO RETURN

1. GERSON VEII, PRESIDENT OF THE NAMIBIA NATIONAL FRONT, TOLD US TODAY, JUNE 27, THAT ANDREAS SHIPANGA WOULD RETURN TO NAMIBIA FOR ONE OR TWO WEEKS ABOUT MID-JULY. VEII AND OTHER NNF LEADERS ARE TRAVELING TO EUROPE THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY AND SHIPANGA NOW PLANS TO RETURN TEMPORARILY TO NAMIBIA WITH THEM. IN A RECENT LETTER TO THE AG, SHIPANGA REPORTEDLY STATED HIS DESIRE TO RETURN TO THE TERRITORY. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE AG HAS WRITTEN A REPLY SAYING THAT SHIPANGA WAS WELCOME TO RETURN PROVIDED HE CONFINED HIMSELF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO THE PEACEFUL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY.

- 2. VEII SAID THAT SHIPANGA WAS VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT HIS SECURITY AT THIS TIME INSIDE NAMIBIA AND THIS ACCOUNTED FOR HIS PLANS FOR ONLY A SHORT INITIAL RETURN VISIT.
- 3. V. RUKORO, SECRETARY FOR PUBLICITY AND INFORMATION

OF THE NNF, IN A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WINDHOEK ON JUNE 26, PRAISED SHIPANGA AS A DYNAMIC POLITICAL LEADER. RUKORO CHARGED THAT THERE WERE STILL 1800 SUPPORTERS OF SHIPANGA UNACCOUNTED FOR AND PRESUMABLY HELD IN CAMPS IN ZAMBIA AND OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES. EDMONDSON

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